



Aruba's youth are invited to compete in the Kunstbende by the Instituto di Cultura

Officials of the Instituto di Cultura (Cultural Institute) announced to the public on Wednesday the participation for the first time of Aruba in the Kunst Bende competitions of Holland. This cultural competition is a "talent show" where the youth of Aruba between ages thirteen and twenty may participate.

This year, Holland is the host to the annual Kingdom Games, where athletes from The Netherlands, The Netherlands Antilles, and Aruba compete every year. Organizers in Holland have decided to combine the four-day event, taking place July 19 through 22 with a cultural festival and competition. Holland conducts this cultural competition annually, but this is the first time it will be combined with the Kingdom Games, and that Aruba will participate.

The categories of competition are music, dance, theater, and poetry, with an additional "free" category that allows for creative innovation. The Aruba competition that will choose the island's delegation to the Kunstbende in Holland will take place at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad on June 22 and 23.

Organizing and conducting the Aruba competitions on behalf of the Instituto di Cultura are Angelo Tromp, with the participation of July Paskel, of Holland, doing her internship in Aruba. Joining them for the presentation of the competition was the Director of the Instituto di Cultura, Frank Croes.

Inscription for the Kunstbende competition will take place at the Instituto di Cultura from April 16 to May 11. Organizers stated it is also possible to register later via their web page, but they advise interested groups and individuals to register as early as possible. For more information contact either Angelo or July at telephone number 582-2185 or e-mail auacultura@setarnet.aw.